

[Please amend claims 60, 66, 67, 71, 76, 78, 82, 83 and 87 as follows.

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~~160~~. (Twice Amended) A vector for expression of a polypeptide in a mammalian cell comprising a first polynucleotide sequence that comprises:
a) an upstream SV40 origin of replication;
b) a downstream SV40 polyadenylation region; and
c) a transcription regulatory region [homologous to a region present in] from human cytomegalovirus immediate early region HCMV IE1, wherein the transcription regulatory region includes the first HCMV IE1 intron proximal to the 3' end of the HCMV IE1 promoter, is interposed between the SV40 origin of replication and the SV40 polyadenylation region, and is capable of directing the transcription of a polypeptide coding sequence operably linked downstream from the transcription regulatory region.

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~~466~~. (Twice Amended) The vector of claim ~~60~~, wherein the SV40 polyadenylation region comprises [a nucleotide sequence that is homologous to a] the SV40 polyadenylation sequence present in plasmid pSV7d.

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~~567~~. (Twice Amended) The vector of claim ~~60~~, wherein the SV40 origin of replication comprises [a nucleotide sequence that is homologous to a] the SV40 origin of replication sequence present in plasmid pSVT2.

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~~971~~. (Twice Amended) The vector of claim ~~60~~, wherein the polynucleotide sequence comprises [a nucleotide sequence that is homologous to a sequence] the HCMV sequences present in plasmid pCMV6ARV120tpa, ATCC Accession No. 68249.

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13~~76~~. (Twice Amended) A vector produced by the process comprising linking together in an operative manner:

- a) a SV40 origin of replication;
- b) a SV40 polyadenylation region; and
- c) a transcription regulatory region from human cytomegalovirus immediate early region HCMV IE1, wherein [the transcription] said regulatory region includes the first HCMV IE1 intron proximal to the 3' end of the HCMV IE1 promoter and is capable of directing the transcription of a polypeptide coding sequence operably linked downstream [from the transcription regulatory region] therefrom.

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15~~78~~. (Twice Amended) A method for producing a vector for expression of a polypeptide in a mammalian cell comprising:

- a) providing a first polynucleotide molecule that comprises a SV40 origin of replication;
- b) providing a second polynucleotide molecule that comprises a SV40 polyadenylation region;
- c) providing a third polynucleotide molecule that comprises a transcription regulatory region from human cytomegalovirus immediate early region HCMV IE1, wherein said regulatory region includes the first HCMV IE1 intron proximal to the 3' end of the HCMV IE1 promoter; and
- d) linking the SV40 origin of replication, the SV40 polyadenylation region and the regulatory region from HCMV IE1 together to form a vector that is capable of effecting the transcription of a polypeptide coding sequence operatively linked downstream from the regulatory region.

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17~~82~~. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising an enhanced promoter, wherein the enhanced promoter comprises [a nucleotide sequence homologous to a